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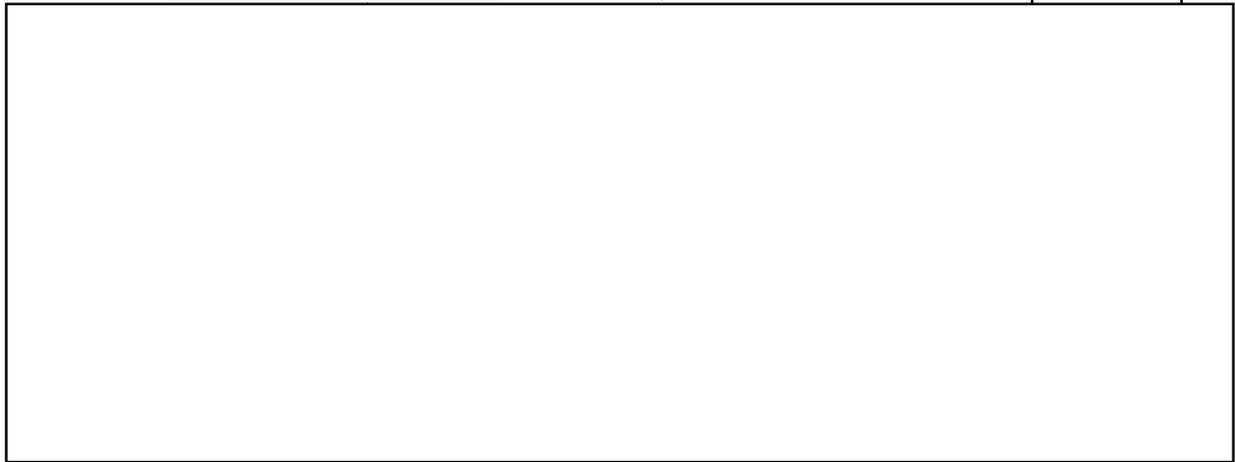
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1. The airfield was southwest of Yerevan (40°11'N/44°30'E), Armenian SSR. Single-engine and twin-engine aircraft were parked there. There was intensive individual and formation flying with up to 12 planes. Bombing was practiced south-east of Yerevan. Parachute jumps from twin-engine planes were observed over the field. About 10 to 15 parachutists jumped from each plane.
2. The airfield was about 2 km southwest of the caoutchouc plant, west of a railroad line and a road leading toward the south-southwest. It was about 2 x 3 km and surrounded by hedges in the south and west. No concrete runways, taxiways or railroad spur track were seen. The field was dry even after heavy rains.
3. Buildings at the field included a multi-story barracks building, four large hangars, and 20 to 30 small apartment houses. The barracks were fully occupied by 700 to 800 men. Officers and married NCOs were transported daily by bus from the town to the field. There were boundary and obstacle lights and revolving searchlights. The main runway extending from southwest to north-east was illuminated by green and red spotlights and the take-off and landing field by portable spotlights at night. There was a mobile radio installation consisting of five trucks with special superstructures and two steel tube masts, about 6 meters high and about 30 meters apart.
4. The field was occupied by single-engine low-wing monoplanes with in-line engines, three-bladed propellers, landing gears retracting outward, and nose wheels retracting rearward; and four-engine low-wing monoplanes with four radial engines, double rudder assemblies, landing gear retracting rearward, plexiglass noses, one door at both sides of the fuselage at the trailing edges of the wings, and four windows between the edges of the wings.

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5. Individual and formation flights, firing at sleeve targets, practice bombing, low-level attacks, and individual and group parachuting were practiced. An average of up to 30 single-engine aircraft, four four-engine planes and four to six biplanes were aloft for intensive flying training. The biplanes which flew mostly in formations of three were apparently used for formation training. The formations of single-engine aircraft released bombs over an area about 12km east of the field. During parachute training, ten parachutists jumped from each four-engine plane through two doors at the sides of the fuselage within about 40 seconds. The four engine planes flew individually or in formations of three.
6. In June 1946 about 80 to 90 German Me-109s arrived in the vicinity of the field by train. They were unloaded by P's and then trucked to the field.
7. Intensive flying with single-engine fighter squadrons, twin-engine bomber squadrons and individual four-engine aircraft was seen over the field about 2 km southwest of the cacotchouc plant.

1 Annex: Sketch of Yerevan Airfield.

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